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Biodegradable Resin

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In connection with the filing of the above-identified application, kindly
enter the following preliminary amendments.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which
begins on page 2 of this paper.

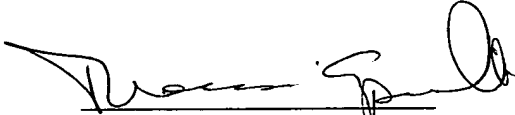
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